

going to come and restore their confidence; that we have got competence and we have got integrity and we know how to make sure we can expand access to health care.

Our priorities are straight. We know that the Federal Government can do something about gas prices, and not just have the President stand behind a podium and say, "You know, if you don't have to drive, please don't." That is their conservation policy.

So before I go further than I should, I am going to turn it over to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RYAN).

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. That was beautiful. You know, you play sports when you are a kid, and I know the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MEEK) was a college athlete, a college football player, a great athlete back in his day, a little slower afoot now than he used to be. But if you used to play sports as a kid and if you would not start or you did not get in the game right away, you would be watching everybody play and you knew you were better than everyone else that was playing, and you just thought, put me in coach.

Well, the Democrats are saying, put me in, coach. We will do better than this. And quite frankly, it does not seem that hard, given everything that has been going on, the corruption, the cronyism.

Democrats know how to run the government. Are we perfect? No. But we had a great FEMA director, we knew how to respond. We passed the first Family and Medical Leave Act. We know what families need and we know how to deliver.

In 1993 we balanced the budget, leading to the greatest economic expansion in the history of the United States of America, without one Republican vote. Al Gore had to come to the Senate to make the tie-breaking vote. Many people on this side of the aisle lost their seats because they made a tough vote that was in the best interests of the country, but not in the best interests of their own political careers. If you get a chance to read President Clinton's book, he highlights a couple of those people who made those tough votes.

My point is that the Democrats know how to govern. Are we perfect? Absolutely not. But you do not see this nonsense going on. They had to spend \$40 million to chase our President around for something that had nothing to do with the public affairs of government. Was he wrong? Absolutely. But we are talking about the public affairs and public responsibilities.

Put us in, coach.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Give the website.

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. The website is 30somethingdems@mail.house.gov. If you think we have cronies in government, do you think there is an abuse of power, a waste of money, things are tilted too much, the website is 30somethingdems@mail.house.gov.

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, reclaiming my time, with that, I

just want to thank the Democratic leader for allowing us to have this time. Also I want to commend you both for doing your homework. I believe we will be back tomorrow, the 30-something Group tomorrow afternoon after votes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. SCHMIDT). The Chair must admonish Members that remarks in debate should be directed to the Chair, and not to persons who may be viewing the proceedings.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GUTIERREZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness in the family.

Mr. COSTA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DEFAZIO) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today and September 29.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 37. An act to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years; to the Committee on Government Reform; in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and to the Committee on Armed Services for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2132. An act to extend the waiver authority of the Secretary of Education with respect to student financial assistance during a war or other military operation or national emergency.

H.R. 3200. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3667. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 South Barrington Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Karl Malden Station".

H.R. 3767. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Oak Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4250. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on status of V-22 Osprey Aircraft before resumption of flight testing, pursuant to Public Law 107-107, section 123 (115 Stat. 1031); to the Committee on Armed Services.

4251. A letter from the Engine Manager, Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense, transmitting a request for a congratulatory letter for the retirement of Master Sergeant Christopher A. Shipp; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4252. A letter from the Administrator of National Banks, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the issues of the Quarterly Journal that comprise the 2004 annual report to Congress of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; to the Committee on Financial Services.

4253. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, CMS, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — HIPAA Administrative Simplification: Standards for Electronic Health Care Claims Attachments